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**SPLENDID GIFTS TO  
THE MINERS.**

**TRAGEDY OF COLD IN  
DISTRESSED AREAS.**

**HON. MR. SOUTHORN SENDS  
CHEQUE FOR \$100.**

**\$250 FROM MR. JOSEPH.**

The Telegraph is happy to announce that there has been a most generous response this morning to the appeal initiated on behalf of the workless miners and their wives and children in Great Britain. Their plight at this time when the Homeland is experiencing its worst winter of the present century, when sufficient clothing and food are absolutely necessary to life, can be well imagined, and subscribers will be pleased to learn that the first £50, which will be doubled on its arrival in England, is to be cabled immediately.

To-day's list includes a donation from the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, the Colonial Secretary, to whom we tender thanks for a contribution of \$100, while Mr. J. E. Joseph, well-known for his many benevolent acts, has forwarded a handsome cheque for \$250.

**Mr. Joseph's Letter.**

In a covering letter, Mr. Joseph writes:

"In response to your appeal for more financial support in aid of the poor and destitute British miners, especially now in the midst of the rigours of such a severe winter prevailing in England, I have much pleasure in enclosing you herewith my cheque for \$250 as a donation towards a deserving cause."

**Dockyard Ladies.**

A big effort on behalf of the Telegraph fund is shortly to be made by the R. N. Dockyard Ladies' Club, the members of which, anxious to contribute to the relief of the miners in the most suitable way, are making arrangements for the holding of a fancy-dress ball.

The ball will be held on March 5th at the Seamen's Institute, the free use of the hall having been secured through the good offices of the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

There will refreshments, provided by the ladies, and prizes will be awarded for the best fancy dress. The net proceeds will be devoted to the Miners' Relief Fund. Tickets of admission will be obtainable shortly at \$1 for gentlemen and 50 cents for ladies.

**Race Week.**

It has also been suggested, in view of the coming Race Week, that punters who will be making free with \$5 tickets on the cash sweeps and pari-mutuel, should do so with a reservation that a certain percentage of their winnings should be set aside for their less fortunate fellows in the distressed mining areas.

Emphasis on the great and continuing need is scarcely necessary at this time. It is fully provided by the vivid details of the Arctic wave that is sweeping over Europe and the British Isles. In London yesterday a temperature of 26 degrees of frost was registered, and this state of affairs appears to prevail throughout the country.

The condition of those thousands of men, women and children in South Wales, and in the dreary wastes of Northumberland and Durham, and elsewhere, most of whom have been destitute for several months, is heart-rending, and we hope soon to have the pleasure of acknowledging a large influx of contributions.

Amounts so far received, not including the \$200 promised by the Y.M.C.A., are:

Already acknowledged ..... \$200  
& 10/-

Mr. J. E. Joseph ..... \$250

Hon. Mr. W.T. Southorn ..... \$100

Anonymous ..... \$20.

**WANG'S DIPLOMACY  
CRITICISED.**

**KEEN SHAFTS BY LONDON  
JOURNAL.**

**UNHAPPY INSISTENCE.**

London, Feb. 14. A hint in diplomatic circles that is now making a move towards obtaining the retrocession of the foreign Legation Quarter in Peking to China, is being adversely commented upon in London.

The *Daily Telegraph* to-day devotes its leader to the subject and says that Dr. C. T. Wang's report on the proposal to open negotiations for the retrocession of the Legation Quarter, is unhappily characteristic of the diplomacy which Dr. Wang at present directs, which seems to go out of its way, and even defeat its own objects, to assert a position which the world knows to be fiction.

For example, the journal goes on, nothing is more evidently of vital interest to China than the establishment of good relations with Japan.

Yet the Tsianfu negotiations have broken down precisely upon the point of the National Government's refusal to admit that the Japanese residents in Shantung are not absolutely protected by its sole guarantee of their security.—*Reuter*.

**AMERICA INVADING  
ENGLAND.**

**CONTROLLING INTEREST IN  
BIG POWER COMPANIES.**

**BIRKENHEAD OPINION.**

London, Feb. 14. The New York Utility and Light Corporation, one of the principal public utility systems in the United States, announces that it has acquired the entire ordinary shares of the Greater London and Counties Trust, Limited, thus indirectly controlling its principal subsidiaries.

These subsidiaries include no fewer than seven important British electric power companies.

By reason of the purchase, the New York company has also acquired a substantial interest in several other British power companies.

Lord Birkenhead stated over the telephone to *Reuter* that he had accepted the chairmanship of the Greater London and Counties Limited.

In a public statement, Earl Birkenhead says that the organisation with which he has decided to associate himself is British; though associated with the Clarke interests in the United States, and will remain British.

The finance has been found hitherto almost entirely in America, he adds, but the broad policy of the Trust is to obtain money in the cheapest market, and it is within its province to obtain funds in Britain if it is possible to do so more cheaply than elsewhere.—*Reuter*.

**NOT SWEET-SOUNDING  
IN NAME.**

**AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND  
A NEW SUGAR.**

New York, Feb. 14. As the result of experiments on insulin, a starchlike substance that is found in dahlia, chicory, artichokes, and other plants, scientists working under the Department of Commerce have discovered a new kind of sugar, which has been called disfructose anhydride.—*Reuter's American Service*.

**THE REPARATIONS  
PROBLEM.**

**GERMAN EXPERT GIVES  
HIS VIEWS.**

London, Feb. 14. At this morning's meeting of the Experts Committee on Reparations in Paris, Herr Melchior, the German expert, spoke at length on Germany's financial position and on her taxation.—*British Wireless*.

**VEHICULAR FERRY  
PROJECT.**

**BEING STUDIED BY THE  
STAR FERRY CO.**

**GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE SAID  
TO BE FAVOURABLE.**

**NEED IS APPARENT.**

It was intimated at the annual shareholders' meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., held to-day, that the Company is investigating the question of interesting itself in a vehicular ferry service between the island and the mainland.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith, who presided, in referring to this matter, hinted that the Government would view with favour any satisfactory scheme put forward for a combined vehicular and passenger service.

The accounts were of a most satisfactory character, and it was

stated that during the year one of the older ferries had been sold at a profit of \$10,500 above the book value.

**Chairman's Speech.**

Addressing the shareholders, Mr. Beith said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The balance of Working Account for the year under review is \$385,685.22 compared with \$373,635.87 the previous year. After transferring \$50,000.00 to Reserve, \$20,000.00 to General Contingency Account, allowing for depreciation and ordinary repairs, the balance available for appropriation, including \$42,437.15 brought forward from last account, is \$320,038.34, which your Directors propose dealing with as follows:—Pay a dividend of \$2.00 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, absorbing \$280,000; and carry forward \$40,038.34.

**Chairman's Memorial.**

You will observe in the accounts we have have subscribed \$2,000 to the Chater Memorial Scholarship Fund, which I am sure will meet with your approval.

The Accident Fund of \$140,000 has been transferred to General Contingency Account and a further \$20,000 added. Under its new heading the fund may be utilised for any purpose your Directors consider necessary.

One of our older ferries was sold during the year at a profit of \$10,500 in excess of book value.

In April last another new boat, the "Northern Star" was completed and put into service. This is the fifth new boat placed on the run during the past four years. We now have a very efficient fleet, enabling the Company to cope comfortably with present day traffic.

**Vehicular Ferry.**

That a vehicular Ferry Service connecting the island and the mainland, thus providing transportation not only for motor cars and joy-riders but also, and more important, meeting the growing demand to facilitate the movement of various kinds of merchandise and cargo across the Harbour by motor

**LABOUR'S LATEST  
SUCCESS.**

**INCREASED MAJORITY AT  
WANSBECK ELECTION.**

**CONSERVATIVE DROP.**

London, Feb. 14. Labour has scored another success in a bye-election, this time in the Wansbeck division of Northumberland. There is, however, no change in the political complexion of the constituency.

The bye-election was caused by the recent death of the Labour member, Mr. G. H. Warne, and the polling resulted as follows:

Mr. Shield (Lab.) ..... 20,308

Mr. M. Pender (Cons.) ..... 9,612

Mr. H. A. Briggs (Lib.) ..... 5,188

Labour majority ..... 10,786

—*Reuter*.

[At the last General Election, there was a straight fight between Mr. Warne and Mrs. H. Middleton (Conservative), the former polling 21,169 and the latter 18,875.

The poll on this occasion was not so large as at the General election, there being 4,841 fewer voting. The Labour vote has decreased by 761 and the Conservative by 9,263. The new member has a clear majority of 5,603 over the combined votes of his two opponents.]

**TRANSATLANTIC SHIP  
TO BE SOLD.**

**LEVIATHAN TO PASS INTO  
PRIVATE HANDS.**

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Commerce Committee of the Senate has announced its approval of the sale of thirteen vessels at present operating under the control of the Shipping Board.

The decision is of the greatest interest since one of the vessels involved is the s.s. Leviathan, the second largest liner in the world. This will pass into private hands for the first time since it was acquired by the United States.

A bid of \$16,000,000 has been made by Paul A. Chapman, Incorporated, for the Leviathan and twelve other vessels belonging to the United States and American Merchant Lines, and it is understood that the sale is likely to be concluded on these terms.—*Reuter's American Service*.

**DISBANDING NAVAL  
FORCES.**

**OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN  
SHANGHAI.**

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The National Government Naval Disarmament Office, which will act according to recent resolutions of the Nanking Disbandment Conference and proceed with the work of demobilization of the naval forces in China, has been established here. It will be formally opened on Saturday.

The Civil Governor of Fukien, Admiral Yang Shuchwang, has been appointed head of the Office.

**U.S. COTTON GRAIN.**

**BILL TO PREVENT SALE  
REJECTED.**

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Bill introduced by Senator Caraway to provide for the prohibition of the sale of cotton grain futures, was rejected by the Senate after a short debate to-day.

—*Reuter's American Service*.

**DR. SUN'S BURIAL.**

Nanking, Feb. 14.

Marshal Chang Kai-shek and Mr. Tan Yen-kai, Chairman of the Executive Yuan, have decided that the State burial of the remains of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen be postponed until March 1st. The suggestion was put before the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang C.C., and it is learned that the recommendation has met with approval.

—*Reuter's American Service*.

**800 TOURISTS NOW  
HERE.**

**BELGENLAND ARRIVES  
IN PORT.**

**COLLEGE CLASSES HELD ON  
BOARD DAILY.**

**NOTABLE PERSONAGES.**

There are at present well over 800 round-the-world tourists in Hongkong, due to the simultaneous presence here of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's Empress of Australia and the Red Star liner Belgenland. The latter arrived in port this morning on her fifth consecutive annual voyage round the world.

The Belgenland came into harbour at dawn and anchored for the fifth time in what may now be termed her accustomed berth.

After dispatching a tender well laden with passengers for a trip to Canton, she went ashore the re-

mainder of her 483 travellers for the usual round of sightseeing at Hongkong.

From the icy North.

Coming from the North, the tourists found the air of Hongkong gratefully mild. They had experienced searching cold in Japan, bitter weather at Chinawant, where they landed through ice fields to take special trains for Peking, and also very cold weather in the old Northern capital. It was a little less biting at Shanghai; but mild weather ashore was encountered at Hongkong for the first time since the tourists left Hawaii on January 12th.

From here the Belgenland will proceed to Manila, where 40 of her passengers will board a smaller steamer for a side trip to Bali. Her next ports in order will be Bangkok, Batavia, Singapore, Diamond Harbour (for Calcutta), Port Sudan, Port Tewfik, Alexandria, Athens, Naples, Monaco and Gibraltar. She's due back at New York on May 1st.

Largo Staff of Experts.

Travel experts on the Belgenland, who manage the various public activities of the passengers, number fifty, and as the big ship has a crew of 640, she carries more than 1,100 souls on her voyage.

The ship's company embraces many specialists in catering to the comfort of world travellers,

including a French chef with a staff of sixty cooks, butchers,

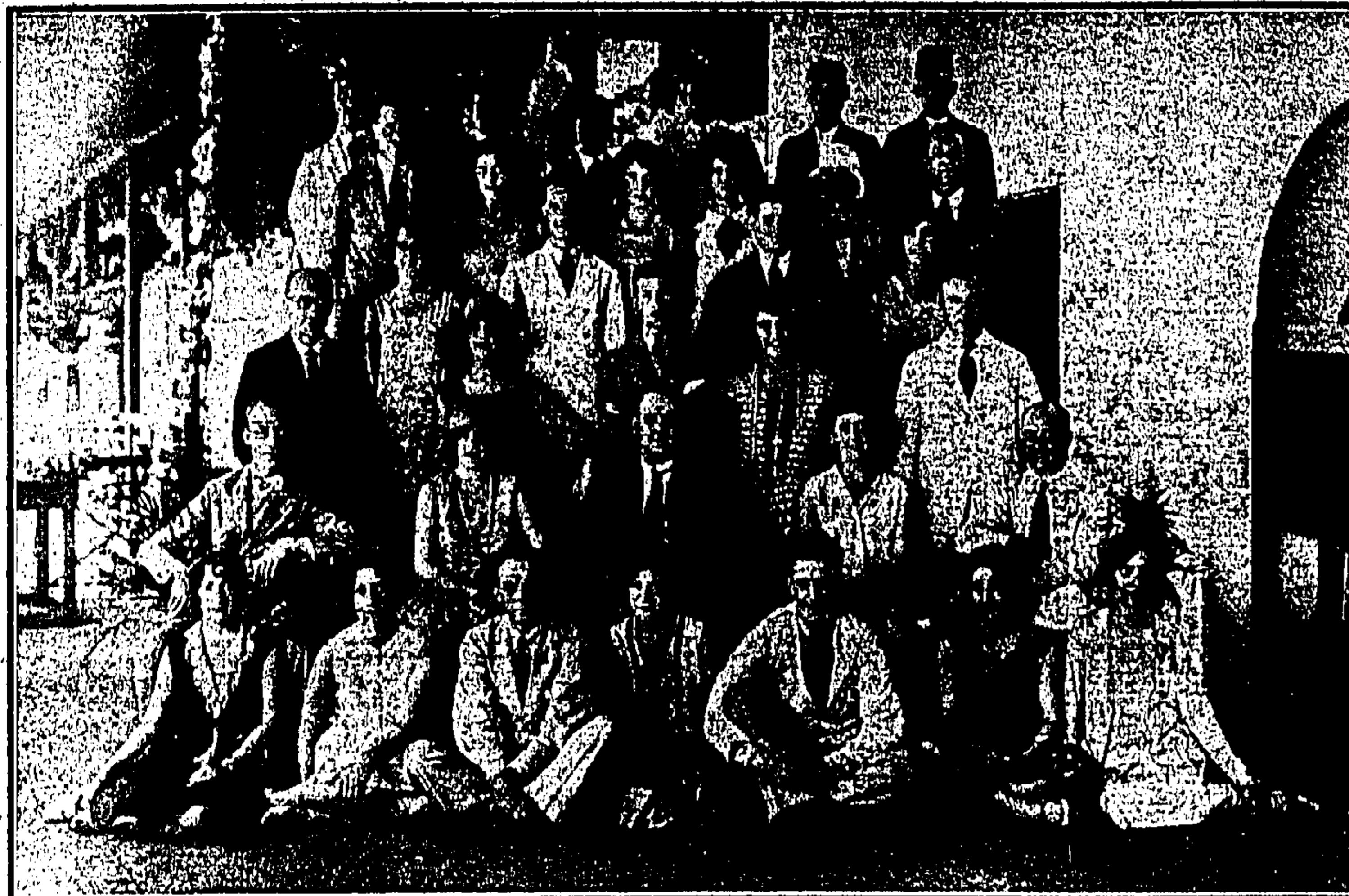
bakers, and confectioners; more

than 200 stewards of long sea-going experience; manicurists,

beauty specialists; a modiste from

the fashionable New York





Our picture shows the entire company of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company which opens its season at the Star Theatre to-morrow evening. The show is reputed to be one of the smartest that has toured the Far East in recent years.



After being reported dead, the man pictured above returned manacled and masked, alleging he was kidnapped.

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After its remarkable endurance flight, the Question Mark is shown being towed in its hangar.



Students of the Middlesex Hospital entertaining patients in the wards with jazz music recently.  
(Times copyright).



At the annual speech day of the Shanghai Public School for Chinese boys a musical playlet in three scenes entitled "Saucy Jane" was presented by the students. Above is one of the scenes which is particularly full of action, showing where the pirate chief comes aboard the "Saucy Jane."



Above Mr. Hoover is shown with President Ibanez of Chile during his recent tour. At the left (top) the scene changes to Brazil, the figures being Mrs. Hoover, Senhora Luis, Mr. Hoover, and President Luis. Below is depicted their arrival at a racecourse.





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# WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Distinctive silk suits have individual details of decoration. (Left to right) A black and white checked corded silk suit has its jacket snug in the hips and fastened on one side and its skirt gored. A fine printed suit uses accordian pleated fabric for its skirt, and for a bounce at the lower edge of its jacket and sleeves. A pumpkin orange crepe suit uses bows in profusion to trim it.

**When Buying Shoes.**

**THE WELL-GROOMED WOMAN**

The well-groomed woman always attracts attention, even though her other beauty assets may be almost nil. She attracts on those points that make most appeal to many—well dressed hair, pretty hands, and attractive feet. Yes, feet can be intriguing, especially in these days of silken hose and short frocks.

It is wise to spend as much as possible on shoes. Cheap shoes are not cheap in the long run, as they easily drop out of shape, and invariably are ruined when once soaked with water. Moreover,

good shoes will stand repairing two or three times, and if repaired by a competent man they will

still look good. Then, again,

cheap shoes cause corns, calluses,

and thickened ankles, so, if only

from a beauty point of view, they

are a failure. Let me whisper that

in a good shoe a smaller size can

often be worn, or at least half a

size smaller.

Try to buy your shoes during the morning. The feet are always a trifle swollen at the end of the day, and so this is scarcely a reliable time for a fitting. Patent leather will not "drive" very much, unless it is a very pliable leather, so do not err on the narrow side when buying patent shoes.

Should they pinch, several soakings of warm olive oil before putting them on a pair of shoe trees will often make the leather give a little. Shoes that are wet require to be put on trees immediately and dried very slowly in a warm atmosphere, but not near a fire. Court shoes are slimming for a too broad foot, and for the average foot a medium shaped heel is the most comfortable and becoming.

**Fashion Notes.**

**JEWELLERY & SPORTS  
CLOTHES.**

Gone, indeed, are the days in which we considered the beauty of sports clothes to be adorned the most when unadorned by jewellery. Not only is jewellery worn, but it is of an exciting kind. At least that is the only word which one can find to describe the ropes of fire opals and topaz, and the fire opal bracelet seen recently with a yellow and grey tweed sports frock, a yellow leather coat and yellow leather hat.

Ropes of amber were worn with a beige woolen sports frock which had an accompanying short coat of greyish brown fur. The jumper top of this dress was in shaded and striped yellow and amber. The hat was of beige felt. On her wrist the mannequin wore a sports watch in amber.

A sapphire hat-brooch, a sapphire and diamond hanging fob watch, and sapphire and diamond bracelets found a perfect background in a white felt hat, a white sports gown and coat of fine wool, elegantly patterned. The bracelets were worn over the close-fitting sleeves at the wrists.

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Mix, and pour into a greased pudding dish. Bake for half an hour, then whisk the other white of egg to a froth, with a little sugar, and place on top of the pudding. Return to the oven to brown.

Let's Hear It, Alek!

CHOCOLATE PUDDING.

Six tablespoonsfuls of grated chocolate, 10 tablespoonsfuls of fine breadcrumbs, 1 pint of milk, yolks of 4 eggs, whites of 2 eggs, a small piece of butter. Put milk, crumbs, and chocolate in a basin to soak for a few minutes. Then add the beaten yolks and one white of egg, and sugar, and the butter.

WELL I DPOSE YOU  
KNOW IM GOING TO  
GET RID OF BEPPO.  
BESIDES HE  
MIGHT NOT  
COME FOR A  
LONG TIME  
YET!

YES TAG WAS  
TELLING ME YOU  
WAS GOING TO  
WHO ARE YOU  
GOING TO GIVE  
HIM TO?

WELL I GUESS I'LL  
GIVE HIM TO SOME  
BOY OR GIRL = I  
CAN'T THINK OF  
ANYTHING ELSE  
TO DO WITH HIM!

YOU'RE GOING TO  
GIVE BEPPO HERE  
TO SOME BOY OR  
GIRL ??

DO IT? LISTEN! I  
KNOW WHERE YOU  
COULD GIVE HIM SO  
ALL THE BOYS AND  
GIRLS WOULD GET  
TO ENJOY HIM!!

**The Happy Ending.**

**TEARS FOR ENJOYMENT.**

Is it, I wonder, says a writer in a Home journal, out of deference to masculine opinion that the happy ending, both for plays and fiction has come to be regarded as necessary for the success of the production?

Men, with their sound instinct for banishing all that might depress, are certainly most unlikely to choose an entertainment which leaves them with a lump in the throat, in preference to one which sends them out to greet the world again with a smile in their eyes and laughter on their lips.

But, I have always had my doubts about the supposed popularity of the happy ending so far as women are concerned, for woman, in order thoroughly to enjoy herself, must be made to feel. She asks more than merely to be amused.

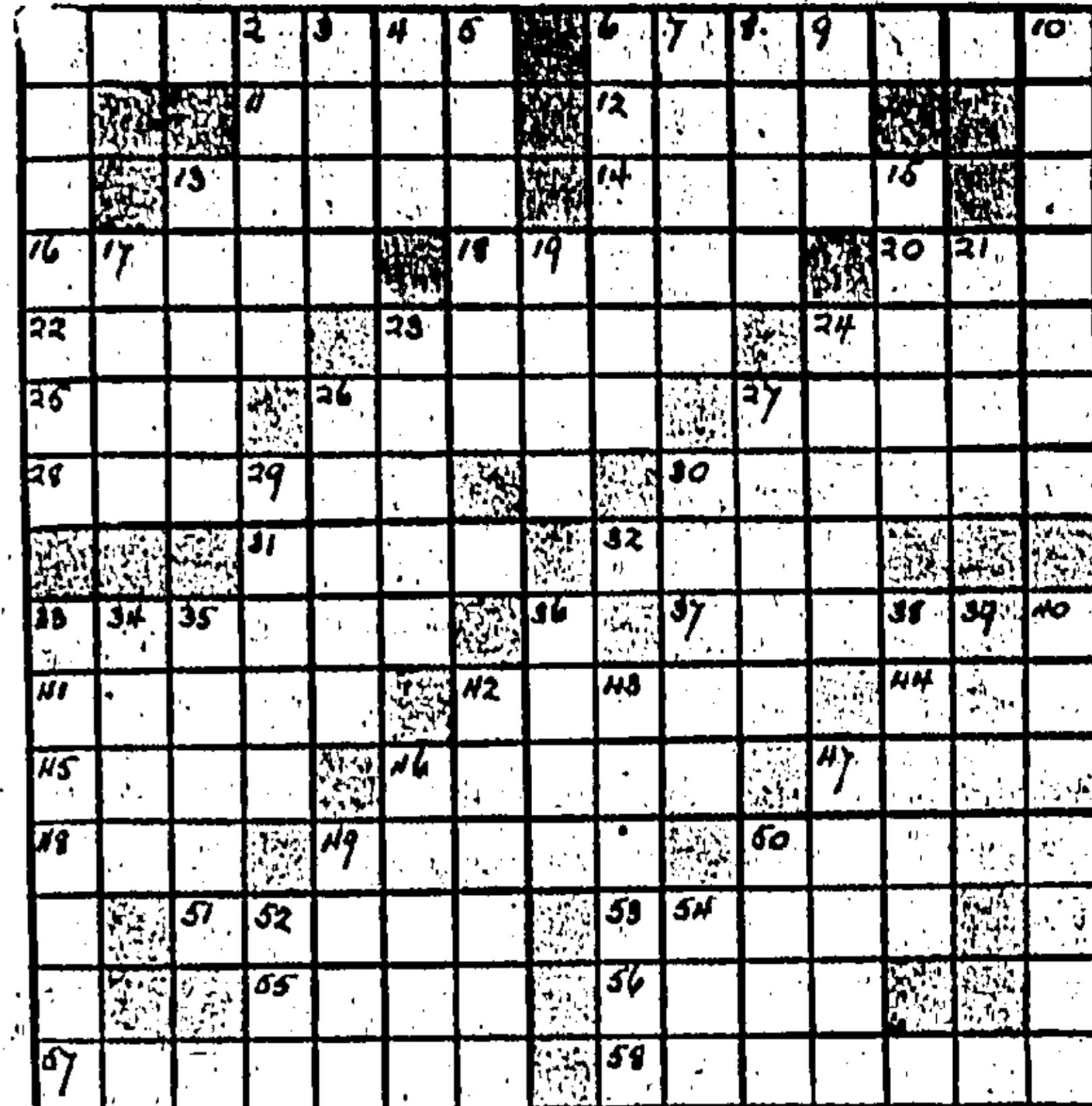
Sometimes, of course, I have been doubtful as to whether the modern girl's supposed hardness might not have brought her to see eye to eye with man in preferring the cheerful entertainment, but a discussion which I was privileged to hear the other evening has convinced me that tears will always triumph as a sign of true enjoyment with woman.

One girl, athletic and modern, courageously stated that she had spent half an hour weeping over a novel she had been reading just before she had come out!

Another and another confessed that they liked to find a masterpiece of this kind, and in a few minutes pictures were being shown as possessing the tear-starting quality.

Who says our girls have grown hard?

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- 8 Curved bones.  
9 Reflux of the tide.  
10 Brister.  
11 Rain mingled with snow.  
12 Hevel.  
13 Scorch.  
14 Jewish priest.  
15 Small island.  
16 Widens planks for caulking.  
17 Formerly.  
18 Birds of a region.  
19 Young lady.  
20 Utters loudly.  
21 Track.  
22 Erasce.  
23 Concealed fellow.  
24 Laws.  
25 Foot.  
26 Holy vessel.  
27 Affirmative votes.  
28 Yield.  
29 Mad a roving journey.  
30 Engine of war.  
31 Trap.  
32 Relative position.  
33 Cause to congregate.  
34 Vegetables.  
35 Fragment.  
36 Part of a fish.  
37 Yesterday's Solution.

ITEM	SCOTS	SLAB
HAVE	WORRY	OILY
OPEN	AMBER	REAM
PERTURE	MEASURE	
STROP	TOR	CAPES
CRANES	SL	TALENT
AID	WINDSOR	ADA
RAISIN	I	PURSE
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SLUR	SLECT	CENT
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### THE CROWN AGENT SYSTEM.

Amongst the many recommendations made by the Economy Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council is one dealing with tenders for the supply of material required by the Municipality. This, amongst other remarks, throws out the suggestion that when ordering goods from abroad, local firms representing manufacturers should be invited to tender. The proposal is a good one, and, frankly, we should like to see the principle more freely acknowledged here in Hongkong. It is, however, laid down in the Colonial Regulations that Crown Colonies requiring articles manufactured in Britain or in Europe generally should obtain them through the medium of the Crown Agents in London. That system has its advantages, admittedly, but we hold the view that it is too rigorously operated, to the detriment of local firms who have a right to expect a share of the plums where the supply of goods for the Government is concerned.

Some twenty years ago, there was a Committee of Enquiry appointed at Home, to look into the organisation of the Crown Agents' Office, and, in due course its report was presented to Parliament. One of the recommendations made by the Committee was that where reputable firms existed in a Crown Colony, and where arrangements for inspection were adequate, such firms should be given opportunities of tendering on the same conditions as firms in Britain. Subsequently, the Chambers of Commerce in several of the Crown Colonies took this matter up, with the result that a petition on the subject was forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The Hongkong Chamber joined in that movement, but, unfortunately, it came to nothing. The Hongkong Government, approached on the matter, stated that it had no intention of abandoning the practice of requisitioning for Government supplies through the Crown Agents, as the system had given complete satisfaction. From the Government standpoint, that was then, and probably still is, the case, but we imagine that local business firms do not view the matter in that light. Quite

recently, this same question came to the fore in Singapore, when local agents of British firms contended that they were in a position to deliver goods at exactly the same prices as they are obtained in London. This, it was pointed out, would open the way to considerable saving for the Singapore Municipality, as buying commissions range from one and a half per cent. upwards, whilst on goods supplied by the London agents the Municipality has to bear the landing costs. In addition to the commission, it appears, the Municipality is responsible for certain travelling allowances and other expenses which local firms would not require.

We are not aware of the extent to which the conditions here and in Singapore are identical, but as both are Crown Colonies we presume that there is very little, if any, difference. However, quite apart from any question of a possible saving, there is still a good case for supporting local firms, since it is to them that the Government looks for a good deal of its revenue. Moreover, if public money is to be paid for service and as commission, it is surely sound business and sound local patriotism to spend that money in the manner most likely to increase local prosperity.

### The Arctic Spell.

The Arctic's descent upon Europe, unprecedented within living memory, both in its vigour and in the width of its tragic embrace, will tend, in the first place, we imagine, to subdue the urge that may have been in the breasts of any of us for speedy transportation to, say, Herford. From this temporarily more comfortable clime, the vision of Brighton beach under ice has a distinct appeal to the imagination which the briefest of closer acquaintance would, in all probability, rapidly dispel. Terrible stories of hardships suffered on the Continent are reaching London daily, and as the weather prophets have ventured the opinion that the British Isles will get colder yet, it is to be feared that many of those tragedies may be repeated in the next few days. We mention this with a purpose in mind, namely, further advocacy of support for the Lord Mayor's Fund, which should require none. Having congratulated ourselves on being in Hongkong at the time of the Great Cold Wave, we may afterwards give a thought to the meaning underlying the report that "the distressed miners are having an extremely bad time as most of the mining valleys are snowed up." It must be only too obvious that the plight of these unfortunate people, who have been insufficiently clad and insufficiently fed for months, must be greatly intensified by the bitter cold.

Their suffering under present conditions must have increased three-fold. The vivid picture that could be painted of their life today is better left to the imagination. We would point out, however, that a large number of miners in South Wales able in ordinary weather to obtain work in the pits on two or three shifts a week are now deprived of even the miserable pittance obtained in that way. More than ever is it becoming a personal responsibility of every Britisher, wherever he may be, to contribute his little bit to better the lot of fellow Britons less fortunate than himself. Hongkong's response to our appeal, without straining anyone's purse, could have been a great deal better, and now, if ever, is the time to make it so. Let anyone should imagine that the immediate tragedy of the cold spell will be over before money subscribed can be put to use, we need merely to point out that the demands on the Lord-Mayor's Fund must have increased immeasurably. In the past two or three days, draining it of resources which would have been devoted to succouring these people in other ways in the future, Hongkong can and should assist in making up the leeway, and we would repeat the reminder that every £5 means £1 to the Fund.

The excellent entertainment provided by Harmston's Circus and Menagerie again drew a packed house last night when the programme given on the opening night was repeated and found much favour. As before, one of the most popular items was the display of trained cockatoos by Mrs. Harmston, while the other artists gave first rate exhibitions of their talents in trick horse-riding, juggling, trapeze work, trick cycle-riding and other events.

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### DAY BY DAY.

GIVING COMFORT UNDER AFFLICITION REQUIRES THAT PENETRATION INTO THE HUMAN MIND, JOINED TO THAT EXPERIENCE WHICH KNOWS HOW TO SOOTHE, HOW TO REASON AND HOW TO RIDICULE; TAKING THE UTMOST CARE NEVER TO APPLY THOSE ARTS IMPROPERLY.—Fielding.

H.M.S. Sepoy will leave for Shanghai to-morrow, while H.M.S. Cornflower will clear for Shanghai and Weihsien.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lieut. G. F. Aguetter, R.N., of H.M.S. Tamar, to Miss M. A. Hogg, of Sharmeen, Canton.

All members who have not received their invitation to the At Home at the Helena May Institute, on 18th February, at 4.30 p.m. are cordially invited to be present.—Advt.

There is no further news to hand to-day regarding H.M.S. Moth, which struck Webster Rock, about 18 miles below Wuchow, on Tuesday. H.M. ships Tarantula and Moorhen are standing by.

H.M.S. Dartmouth left Portsmouth yesterday for Gibraltar, en route to China. She is due to arrive here on April 8. H.M.S. Cumberland arrived in port yesterday from Saigon and the Sirdar arrived at Wuhan.

During last week, there were notified two fatal cases of typhoid, two non-fatal occurrences of diphtheria and one fatal case of puerperal fever. All were Chinese. The small-pox returns are given elsewhere.

A number of cases came before the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole at the Marine Court this morning, the main one of which was a charge against the mistress of a fishing boat for failing to show regulation lights. A fine of \$10 was imposed in this case.

Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Chan Ming-shu are entertaining prominent Hongkong Chinese at a banquet at Government House, Canton, on Tuesday next, the 19th instant. Invitations have been issued to the Chinese members of the Council, members of the Sanitary Board, Justices of the Peace and other prominent people.

Charges of entering No. 31, Haiphong Road without a warrant, demanding a bribe of 40 cents, and larceny of 70 cents, were brought against an Indian constable before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Owing to the impending transfer to the Central Magistracy of Mr. Hamilton, who will be relieved by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, the case was adjourned till Monday. Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop (A.S.P.) intimated that the defendant was on \$300 bail.

At the annual Races, Mr. John Peel's Kirkwood (Mr. Johnstone up) won the Derby, whilst Mr. Buxley's Spring Rose won the Champions, Mr. G. Master being the jockey.

The death took place, at the Government Civil Hospital, of Mr. William Danby, one of Hongkong's leading architects, following an accident in which he fractured his skull.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., reported a net profit for the half-year of \$160,611, and recommended a dividend of 8 per cent.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 14.	
Paris	124.85
Brussels	34.92
Amsterdam	12.124
Berlin	20.465
Copenhagen	18.29
Vienna	34.545
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	109%
Bucharest	812
Buenos Aires	47.7/16
Yokohama	1/10.3/32
New York	4.85 9/32
Milan	92.80 (T)
Stockholm	18.155
Oslo	18.195
Prague	164
Madrid	30.925
Athens	375
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.31/32
Silver Spot	1/11%
Silver Forward	25%
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### HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

#### ANOTHER EXCELLENT DISPLAY.

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### 21 YEARS AGO.

#### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the "Hongkong Telegraph" for the week ended Feb. 15th, 1908.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 16. 11.1/16d.

Mr. H. L. Dennis was admitted a solicitor at the Supreme Court, on the motion of Mr. (now Sir) Henry Pollock, K.C.

The withdrawal of British gun-boats from the West River patrol was effected on conditions that compensation to the extent of \$86,477 was paid for the piratical

### The Very Idea!

A new sales scheme by which the farthing is eliminated is being put into operation in Liverpool. Goods usually marked for the sales at 4s 11½d are now either 4s 1d or 5s.

The manager of one big Liverpool store said: "We have found the farthing a great nuisance to us and in most cases useless to our customers. In the provinces farthings are not used in ordinary everyday purchases, and our customers have expressed satisfaction with the new idea."

A London store manager expressed opposite views. "If goods are marked 5s," he said, "they will not sell half so easily as those marked 4s 11½d. It is just a matter of business psychology."

Ticket-Collector at a northern station to two members of an Anglican sisterhood, who have lost their tickets en route and have no money;

"Who are you, anyway?"

Elder nun, with gentle dignity—"We are sisters of St. John Baptist."

Ticket-collector (with scorn)—"Well, that's a lie to begin with!"

(A lady of title has been prosecuted for riding her horse on the footway because of the dangerous state of the tarred road.)

They made the highway for the horse.

A crude affair at first, of course.

For ferricrete ruts in every road over which he had to drag his load.

Made the hard-task he must fulfil.

More strenuous and exhausting still.

Then came Macadam, wondrous man.

With his effective, simple plan. The surfaces were much improved.

And difficulties were removed.

At certain seasons though, I must

Admit that there were mud and dust.

Which inconveniences survived.

Until the motor-car arrived.

We need a different surface when mechanically-minded men insist upon the power to race.

About at such a hectic pace, the poor equestrian may plead.

For some small foothold for his steed,

But no one seems to heed his stricture.

He simply isn't in the picture.

And if he gets upon the path,

Pedestrians arise in wrath And large policemen, stern and grim,

Take down his name and summon him.

According to the modern code

He has no right upon the road. And if his luckless steed comes down,

And he should fall and crack his crown,

It then is held the case is made out.

For all his like to do a fade out.

Mr. Halkett, the Marylebone Magistrate, to a witness—You came in an omnibus this morning with the prisoner. I saw you.

Mr. Heather, a Stratford Magistrate.—Did you have one over the eight? Man charged with drunkenness—I'd had a good drink.

Solicitor at Thames Court.—Do you suggest my client hit you with malice aforethought? Witness.—No, he hit me with a brick.

Man at Willesden.—When I went to my wife's lodgings another man drew me out on all fours and filled up my eye for a fortnight.

Willesden Magistrate—I am afraid you are what might be called recalcitrant. Defendant, I've been called all sorts of things in my time.

What has been said and written of Mary Queen of Scots recalls to the writer of a letter in the Times a story told to him of a visit to Windsor by Noel Paton, companion to paint a Royal portrait.

**SHIP ENGINEER'S CLAIM.****JUDGE SAYS IT FAILS ON TWO GROUNDS.****JUDGMENT ENTERED.**

The action brought by Mr. A. Demee, formerly third engineer on board the s.s. Seistan, against the master, Capt. A. C. Inglis, for the recovery of \$76, alleged to be a bonus from the ship's charterers which should have been paid to the plaintiff by the defendant, was finally disposed of in the Summary Court this morning when the Pulse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) delivered a written judgment in favour of the defendant.

His Lordship said:—The defendant was master of a merchant ship, on which for the period the plaintiff was serving as third engineer. The ship was under charter. The master received a monthly bonus from the charterers, which, in accordance with the custom of the merchant service, it was usual for a master to divide among himself and his fellow officers. The method of distribution is not governed in this case, either by any general custom or by a particular direction. The defendant made a distribution and in doing so omitted to make any payment to the plaintiff.

The plaintiff (according to his evidence) sued to recover 7½% of this bonus from the defendant as money had and received by the defendant to his use. In the circumstances he fails on two grounds. He is unable to show that any particular fraction of the bonus was received by the defendant on his account; also, he has not established any privity of contract between himself and the defendant in respect of any part of this bonus.

Further, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, s.136 (1), (2) seems to me to afford to the defendant a complete answer to this claim. My judgment is given for the defendant, with costs.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for the plaintiff and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones defended.

**MACDONA PLAYERS.****FAREWELL VISIT OF THE COMPANY.**

The Macdona Players will present "The Philanderer" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.15, to-night. As this will be the last opportunity of seeing this talented company and as the above piece has not yet been performed in Hongkong, a full house is anticipated for their farewell-performance. Eight years ago when the company was first organised, it was all uphill work and for the two first years it was only the tenacity of Charles Macdona in keeping the company on the road in spite of everything that ultimately resulted in an enterprise, the reputation and success of which has spread over the whole of England, Scotland and Ireland as well as in most of our Colonies.

When first Mr. Macdona acquired the rights of the plays from Mr. Shaw and conceived the idea of touring a company playing exclusively Shaw plays, he asked Mr. Shaw whether he would care to be connected with the enterprise financially. Mr. Shaw replied that he had no wish to spend his old age in the workhouse and the fact that Mr. Macdona would undoubtedly be there too, was not sufficient consolation for him. Again Mr. Macdona says, when I booked my first season in Paris with the Players he prophesied disaster and ruin; he wrote "If Paris ruins you finally and irretrievably (you half deserve it for going there) I shall feel reprieved on the scaffold." When I intended giving my first performance of Mrs. Warren's Profession in England and was persuading the Censor to free it for production (he banned it for thirty years) Shaw wrote me "If I were entirely disinterested in the matter I should advise you strenuously not to touch Mrs. Warren even with the longest pair of tongs and to bridle the Lord Chamberlain to maintain his embargo to the bitter end."

But the letters of appreciation from members of the audience in the various towns increase with the years. A Dundee minister wrote the other day "I have only been to see four of the plays by your company but, for a person, you will agree that that is quite going the pace. I cannot be expected to agree with all Shaw says, but he makes me think, and for the miracle of that I am grateful." Seats may be booked in advance at Mouties and the Star.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

Reply to Mr. Heughan.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—It is not often that a distinguished artist designs to join battle with a paper's music critic who has not been sufficiently enthusiastic about him. I cannot imagine Kreisler, for instance, when a critic has stated that lighter items of a Viennese type suit him better than heavier works—troubling to write to the papers to say that the commentator is quite wrong and that he feels much more at home in Beethoven sonatas; in fact, that he is only condescending to play lighter stuff as it is a more paying proposition. William Heughan, however, has taken umbrage at almost every sentence about him in my *Musical Jottings* of 24th Jan., and has devoted nearly a column of the *Telegraph* to a reply. If more artists would do this, the writing of musical appreciations and criticisms would be a more interesting occupation.

He commences his letter with a definite mis-statement, viz. that I started off convinced that his powers would be limited to singing Scotch songs, "an error made by quite a few Englishmen." I started off with no such preconceived notion. To do so would be nearly as absurd as going to hear Lamond, the Scotch pianist, and expecting him to be able to play nothing else but Scotch reels. I went to the recital with an open mind, fully aware of his big operatic experience, and formed the opinion that he was most at home in his singing of old Scotch songs—surely there is nothing very derogatory to the artist in such an expression of opinion?

He goes on to defend the arrangement of his programmes and explains that he could not have used a set programme. I never stated that he should have used one; I never attacked in any way his selection of songs; his defence in this matter therefore is quite superfluous.

Nor did I disparage him for singing "comic songs." I said that the most popular moments were bordering on the comic, and this referred to his speech as much as to his songs; he was at times very amusing. Mr. Heughan distorts this until he makes it appear that I do not know the difference between an old humorous folk song and a comic song. If every artist found it as easy as he does to imagine blame in sentences where none at all exists, the correspondence columns would be a scene of eternal conflict between hypersensitive performers and their much-maligned critics.

I still maintain my opinion that the wealth of dramatic gesture and intonation was overdone in the singing of folk songs. In my article I wrote "folk songs, sea shanties, etc." and Mr. Heughan points out that he sang no sea-shanties here. One song I had considered a sea-shanty, proves not to have been one; but it should be obvious that I referred to the homely type of song which composed the bulk of his repertoire as distinct from operatic arias.

Apparently I could not have wounded Mr. Heughan in a more sensitive spot than over the question of his cloak. It struck me as rather incongruous that every time he sang a non-Scottish song he put on a kind of schoolmaster's gown to hide his Highland evening dress and left pair of gaudy red and white stockings exposed to view. However, I am glad to hear that the cloak has been much admired elsewhere and that its use has had the praise of the great critics; under the circumstances, he can well afford to regard my opinion as "only amusing."

Lastly, as to the piano. Several pianists take their piano with them when travelling. Heughan was touring with a solo-pianist and a cellist, all three dependent on a good piano, but in answer to my suggestion that a great artist should bring with him or hire a grand piano I am told that I know nothing of touring conditions. As for hiring one, the last *Jottings* gave publicity to the fact that he had unfortunately been unable to hire a grand in Hongkong. He has not answered my principal criticism that notwithstanding the fact that the upright was hopelessly inadequate, the pianist did not even open the top to improve matters.

If Mr. Heughan would dislodge his mind of the idea that I am just an Englishman trying to fight the Battle of Bannockburn over again and would accept my assurance that quite half the remarks he has taken exception to were not meant to be disparaging at all, I think he would re-read those *Jottings* in calmer mood and realise that both he and "C.B." have been making quite a lot of fuss about nothing.—Yours, etc.,

ALLEGRO.  
Hongkong, Feb. 14th, 1929.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., the Directors and Management will be at Home at their office on Saturday, February 16, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**SMALL-POX STILL PREVALENT.****EIGHTY MORE CASES NOTIFIED LAST WEEK.****NEARLY 60 DEATHS.**

After a decline in the previous week, the small-pox returns for the week ended the 9th inst., increased to-day, show another upward move.

In all, no fewer than 80 cases were notified, with 59 deaths. The sufferers were all Chinese with the exception of two British (imported) and one Indian.

Of the total, 49 cases were from Kowloon districts, 30 from Victoria and one from Shaukiwan. Twelve further Chinese cases were reported on Wednesday, ten being from Victoria and one each from Kowloon and Shaukiwan; whilst yesterday the return showed six more cases, of which four were from Kowloon.

The following tables gives the weekly return since November 3:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	6
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	39
January 5	80	48
January 12	85	44
January 19	91	83
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	68
February 9	80	59
Total	896	524

**CRIMINAL SESSIONS CALENDAR.****EUROPEANS AMONGST THE ACCUSED.**

Both Louis Petersen, who is facing a murder charge in connexion with the Royal Arrow case, and Private James Boyle, who is charged with wounding with intent to maim or disable, or to do other grievous bodily harm, will stand their trials at the Criminal Sessions which open at the Supreme Court on Monday.

It is understood that both cases will be before the Pulse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). The wounding case having been fixed for Wednesday morning and the murder case for the following day.

On Monday morning, Leung Fong will be tried on a murder charge before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

The other cases in the calendar will come before Mr. Justice Wood. On Tuesday, Chek Tam-ching will be tried for robbery by two or more, while on the same day Tam Hung (*alias* Kai Sze Hung Wong Sze, *alias* Wong Po), Chau Hon and Lau Cheung will face a similar charge, with an additional one of child-stealing.

London, Feb. 14. General Higgins, the new leader, has been Chief of Staff of the Salvation Army for ten years and is son of one of the associates of William Booth, who founded the army sixty-four years ago. Mr. Higgins, during the last forty-six years, has worked for the organisation in many parts of the world, including Japan and United States.—*British Wireless.*

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**ADMITTED FREEMEN OF THE CITY OF LONDON.**

Four pioneers of motoring recently became Freemen of the City of London, and Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers.

They were Mr. Handley Page, an air pioneer; Mr. Massac Buis, Editor of "The Autocar"; Mr. Stanley Spooner, who was in the forefront of motoring enterprise 30 years ago; and Mr. F. S. Bennett, British manager of the Nash Motor Company and a vice-president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The ceremony was performed in the Hall of the Company by Mr. W. J. McCormack, an advisory official of the Dunlop Rubber Company, who is Master of the Guild.

Others similarly honoured were Mr. J. E. Turner and Mr. T. H. Radcliffe, also connected with the motor industry.

**MOTORIZING PIONEERS.****TWO MEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.**

The police investigations into the murder on Chinese New Year's Eve, of the aged storekeeper in the employ of the Botanical and Forestry Department are being continued with vigour.

A possible clue, having been provided by the ghastly nature of the crime, the enquiries hitherto have been guided along channels suggested by what can be gathered of the antecedents of the deceased.

In addition to the arrest made last night, two other men were last night taken into custody, having been arrested at different addresses in the West Point district. Like the first man, these latter are also musicians catering to houses in the pleasure quarter, but the fact is regarded as of some importance that one of them was at one time an employee of the Botanical Department and in that capacity had been acquainted with the murdered man.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

The Royal Observatory reports that the Chinese anticyclone is now central near Shanghai. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast till noon to-morrow is N.E. winds, fresh, overcast.

**BIG CHARITY CONCERT.****AS FAREWELL TO MRS. LUARD.**

The variety entertainment organised by the K.O.S.B. in aid of local Services Charities, as farewell to Mrs. Luard, who is shortly leaving the Colony, is being held to-morrow (Saturday) night.

H. E. the Governor has expressed his intention of attending. He will arrive at 9 p.m. immediately after which the performance will commence.

The Committee have laid themselves out to cater for the public taste, and, thanks to the full-hearted and general support of many of the best-known local artists, the musical success of the evening is assured, for it would be difficult to conceive a more talented or accomplished party than the ladies and gentlemen who are so kindly giving their very valuable services and adding another and very gracious proof of the interest taken in and kindness shown at all times to the Services, by the civilian community of the Colony.

The programme will include songs by Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Bowes Smith and Mrs. MacLeod. The instrumental items will be rendered by Mrs. Cashman (piano) and Mrs. Balean (violin), whilst the lighter side will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs. Bunje, Mr. Hannibal and Mr. Oscar Eager.

The military band of the K.O.S.B. is in itself a great attraction and needs no introduction to the public. Under the able direction of Bandmaster W. H. FitzEarle, A. R. C. M., who has taken such a prominent part in the musical activities of the Colony since the arrival of the Regiment, it should greatly add to the success of the evening.

In addition, the Pipes and Drums will play and there will be an exhibition of Highland Dancing.

Special note should be made that refreshments may be obtained during the interval and that chocolates will be sold in the theatre.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MURDER.****WEATHER REPORT.****BRITISH ADMIRAL IN CANTON.****OFFICIAL CALL ON CIVIL GOVERNOR.****BUSY PROGRAMME.**

Canton, Feb. 14. H.M.S. Petersfield arrived in Canton yesterday afternoon about 3.30 p.m. having on board H.E. Vice-Admiral A. K. Waistell, C.B., Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, and Mrs. Waistell.

As H.M.S. Petersfield passed Macao Fort, she fired a salute of 21 guns to the Chinese flag. This salute was returned by the Chinese man-of-war Fei Ying, which also fired another 15 guns in salute to Vice-Admiral Waistell's flag. This salute was then replied to by H.M.S. Petersfield.

Continuing up the Back Reach, H.M.S. Petersfield secured at the China Merchants' buoy off Shamneon, and calls were made on Vice-Admiral Waistell by the Commanding Officers of the British and foreign gunboats in port and by the Chinese Officer of the Guard.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General in Canton, called on Vice-Admiral Waistell on board and was saluted by 13 guns on leaving. The Commander-in-Chief returned H.B.M. Consul-General's call at the Consulate later in the afternoon.

This morning at 10 o'clock, Vice-Admiral Chan Chak, Commander-in-Chief of the Provincial Fleet of Kwangtung, called on Vice-Admiral Waistell and was saluted by 15 guns on leaving.

At mid-day Vice-Admiral Waistell came ashore and, together with Mr. J. F. Brennan, went to call on His Excellency, General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung.

This afternoon Vice-Admiral Waistell will proceed by motorboat to the Provincial Admiralty where he will return a salute of 15 guns as the Commander-in-Chief leaves the Admiralty. This evening at 7 o'clock, Vice-Admiral Waistell will again return to the Admiralty where Vice-Admiral Chan Chak is giving a dinner in his honour.

According to to-morrow's programme, the Commander-in-Chief will inspect the gunboats of H.M. West River Patrol at 9.30 a.m. His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu will return Admiral Waistell's call on board H.M.S. Petersfield at noon, being saluted by 17 guns as he leaves. At 1 o'clock, Mr. Lam Wen-ko, Mayor of Canton, is giving a luncheon in honour of Vice-Admiral Waistell and Mrs. Waistell, after which they will proceed to visit various places of interest in and around the city. In the evening, His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu is giving a dinner in honour of the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Waistell.

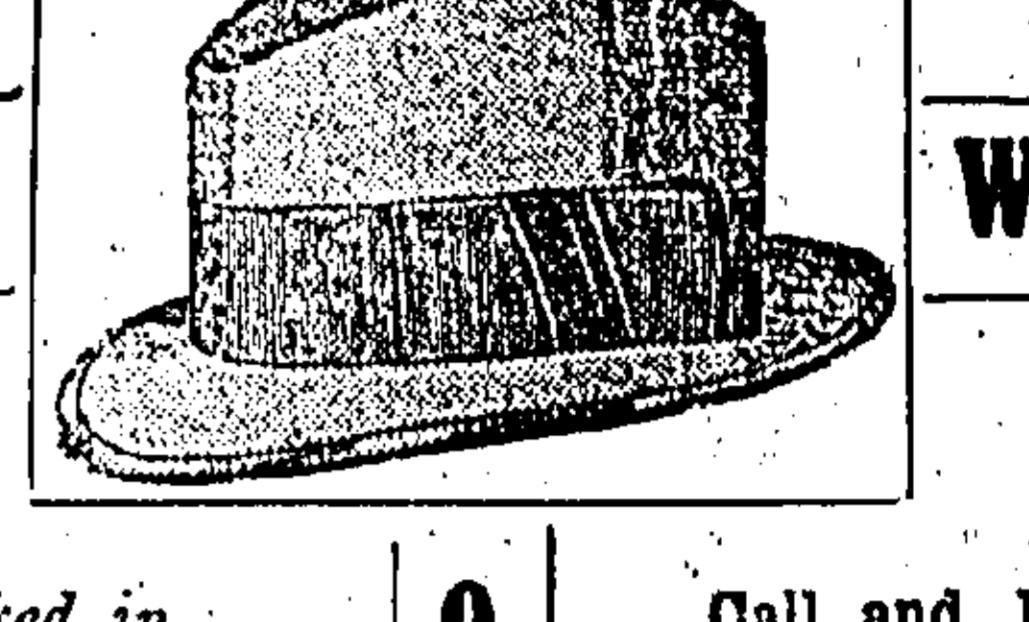
On Saturday evening, Mr. J. F. Brennan will hold a reception in the Canton Club in honour of Vice-Admiral Waistell and Mrs. Waistell to meet the British residents and the Chinese and foreigners Officials and their wives.

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**UNITED SERVICES  
ALL SET.**

**SHANGHAI PRESENTED WITH  
STIFF TASK.**

**LIVELY GAME CERTAIN**

[By "Wanderer"]

League soccer having been suspended for the duration of the visit of the Shanghai Interport team, interest-to-morrow will be centred entirely on the match between the United Services and Shanghai. A very real and keen interest it will be too.

With a wealth of Navy players in the Services eleven—and we may assure Shanghai that the local Royal Navy team at the present time is the strongest combination playing in Hongkong—the tie is strong that Shanghai will find the opposition tougher than on Monday. I am not prepared to agree, but I am quite satisfied that our visitors will have to play all they know to achieve a further victory.

The United Services have been set a difficult task. The Shanghai players have all been tested out upon the Hongkong ground and their selectors are now in a better position to judge which of their players are likely to shape well. Shanghai's Team?

It is not possible for a mere Hongkongite to delve into the depths of the famous (or is it notorious?) Shanghai mind, but taking a risk, I do not imagine that the Shanghai team will be materially changed from that which defeated the Chinese on Wednesday.

Up to the present, the Services team are all reported fit and it is therefore probable that they will turn out as follows:

McGregor, Baker, Everest, Evans, Hill, Barkham, Peacock, Caldicutt, Fifth, Kernick.

The selected reserves are Van Trimp, Leach, Stock, Jones and Moss.

It will be observed that there are only four Army players in the side, the remainder being the stars of the Royal Navy team. Shanghai are in for a hot time, and if they succeed, their victory will be a good argument for a suggestion that the vital match, the Interport, should be played at the end instead of the beginning of the visiting team's tour to give them an opportunity of settling down.

There has been only one reason against this, to my mind, and it will always hold good, the risk of injuries. That, however, is very much by the way. To-morrow there will be a large crowd at the Club ground in anticipation of a lively game, and they are not likely to be disappointed. The match is scheduled to kick off at 3.30 p.m.

Friendly Game?

The following will represent the Kowloon F. C. in a match against the Belgenland on Kowloon ground on Saturday, kick off at 4 p.m.—Angus, jnr.; Robson, Pile; Hedley, Easterbrook, Downman; Eastman, Campbell, Sperry, Miles and Baldwin. Reserves, Davies and White.

Kowloon 2nd XI will be represented by the following in a League match against the R.A.F. on the Kowloon ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.—Angus, jnr.; Moore, Eastman; Seddon, Campbell, Nicholls, Hamann, McIntyre, Moss, Morgan, Blacklock. Reserves, Waddington and White.

**FANLING GOLF.**

**RESULTS OF NEW YEAR  
COMPETITIONS.**

There were 112 entries for the bogey pool competition at the Fanling Club New Year meeting. The winner was A. E. Lissaman (6), who returned a card of five up, the second and third prize being divided by L. G. S. Dodwell (6) and I. Newton (7) with 8 up each. Other scores were: T. Ramsay (14), J. M. Walker (6), W. L. Duphar (7) 2 up; A. W. Davison (14), L. G. S. Dodwell (6), F. A. Merry (8), J. H. Geare (13), W. J. S. Key (17), F. G. le Cros (8), A. H. Ferguson (8), 1 up. The winner of the medal round was C. E. Holmes with a card of 78-10-68. Other scores:

W. J. S. Key ..... 88 - 17 = 71  
A. E. Lissaman ..... 78 - 6 = 72  
R. H. Hollis ..... 79 - 7 = 72  
F. G. le Cros ..... 81 - 8 = 73  
D. J. Gilmore ..... 85 - 11 = 74  
W. J. S. Key ..... 91 - 17 = 74  
L. G. S. Dodwell ..... 80 - 6 = 75

There were thirty-five entries.

**800 TOURISTS NOW  
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**SOME OF THE PASSENGERS.**

Of note among the Belgenland's passengers are George Ade, humorist, philosopher and playwright, Cyrus H. McCormick, Chicago capitalist, and Mrs. McCormick; Newton D. Baker, son of the former United States Secretary of War, and Harold A. Sanderson of London, former chairman of the White Star Line.

The Belgenland has on board a number of passengers who have a personal acquaintance with the Orient from residence here or on visits. They include Mr. George Benton Wilson, retired engineer, of Los Angeles, who for ten years was an associate of Mr. Herbert Hoover, President-Elect of the United States and for some time was engaged in the development of the port of Chinwangtau. Mr. Wilson is accompanied by his wife and twin daughters, Mildred and Marion, aged 19.

One passenger to whom the Orient is familiar from long association is George Bistany, animal collector, of New York who is on an annual trip seeking specimens for American zoological gardens and other clients. His particular object this time is to secure a specimen of the giant Gibbons, a monkey rarely surviving in captivity.

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**MARATHON RACE.**

**ST. PETER'S SECOND  
ANNUAL EVENT.**

The second annual marathon race under the auspices of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will take place on Saturday, March 10, at 3 p.m. Entries for the race, which is open to all comers, close on March 13.

The following is the course: Start at Lyttleton Road (outside the hotel entrance of the Hongkong University) along Lyttleton Road, through Park Road, then wind up Robinson Road, along the new Motor Road to the end of Conduit Road, then through the Conduit Viaduct, until Mr. Biggar's House has been reached. Then along Tokfield Road, down Dairy Farm Hill to point of Jubilee Road, along that road to Mount Davis Road to the Point of Tokfield Road, along that road, past the Hongkong University (the front entrance) along Bonham Road to King's College where the race ends.

Prizes have been presented by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. and the British American Tobacco Company. The race is open to individuals and teams.

**HOCKEY MATCH.**

**KOWLOON FORMER PUPILS  
DEFEAT INDIANS.**

The Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association met and defeated the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club in a hockey match on Wednesday afternoon at King's Park. Whitley (2) and Pearn scored for the winners.

K.O.S.B. v. Y.M.C.A.

Playing at King's Park yesterday afternoon, a team from the Sergeant's of the King's Own Scottish Borderers defeated the second eleven of the European Y.M.C.A. by five goals to nothing in a hockey match. The Y.M.C.A. played men short until nearly half time owing to players turning up late, and shortly after the interval they lost the services of Witchell, who had to retire from the game after being hit in the stomach.

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### THIS HAS HAPPENED.

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The apartment was rented and furnished through the amazing generosity of HOLLIS HART, multi-millionaire bachelor.

Sadie, however, proves an ungrateful little wretch, and threatens to sue him for breach of promise.

Meantime Hart has become interested in his new stenographer, Ashtoreth, a beautiful and cultured girl.

He is astounded when he discovers that Ashtoreth and Sadie are friends.

She goes with Sadie to her apartment, in order to learn what details she can of the astonishing affair with Mr. Hart.

Sadie is also curious. She asks Ashtoreth if Mr. Hart has accused her of blackmailing him.

Her frankness does not disconcert Ashtoreth.

"Well, aren't you?" she demands.

### CHAPTER VI.

Suddenly Sadie began to cry. "You think I'm h-horrid," she sobbed.

"Why, no, I don't," insisted Ashtoreth without a great deal of conviction. "I've only heard one side of the story."

"You're trying to make a h-h-hit with him yourself," accused Sadie.

"Don't be silly, Sadie. Take another drink if it will make you stop crying. And for heaven's sake, be rational!"

She drained the shaker and handed the weeping girl a goblet.

"You're not having any yourself," wailed Sadie. "You—just think you're too good."

"It's not that," explained Ashtoreth. "I hate the stuff."

"I never had any myself till lately," defended Sadie. "It's got an awful kick—this bootleg gin. When it don't make me laugh it makes me cry."

"I'd leave it alone then," advised Ashtoreth.

"Yes, you would! Well, maybe you wouldn't if you had all my troubles. I'm down to my last \$50—that's what I am!"

Ashtoreth laughed.

"You can't expect me to weep over that. I'm down to my last 50 cents. It's nothing unusual, either."

"But what am I going to do?" moaned Sadie.

"Did Mr. Hart really give you \$10,000, Sadie?"

"Yes, he did!"

The girl flared defiantly.

"No strings, either. Cuckoo, that's all. Why shouldn't he, though? He's got so much money he don't know what to do with it. Endowing homes for cats, and things! I guess he got a few laughs out of me. And that's all a guy like him wants. He can afford to pay for his fun!"

"But \$10,000, Sadie!"

"What's that to him? Just like 10 cents to you or me."

"Tell me about it!" implored Ashtoreth.

But Sadie grew suddenly receptive.

"How do I know what you got up your sleeve?" She wanted to know. "Maybe you're after him yourself. And God knows I ain't going to start no competition with you, Ash. I'd be licked before I began. Why should I give you the low-down? If Holly Hart's God's swill gift to hungry women, why shouldn't I hang on, while the hangin's good?"

Ashtoreth may have been a snob, most people are. She considered Sadie both cheap and common. And so she felt that the girl had insulted her, resenting the assumption that there could be any rivalry between them.

"Don't be vulgar, Sadie," she cautioned, and shrugged distastefully.

Ashtoreth realized that she had made a mistake. Without knowing exactly what might develop, she knew that she must win Sadie's confidence in order to protect her own interests with Hart. She might even be able to act as an intermediary between the two, thereby establishing a personal contact with Hart. Hart was wealthy and powerful. And interesting besides. Ashtoreth wanted very much to know him.

Now she tried diplomacy on Sadie.

"You don't really care for him, do you?" she wheedled.

Sadie removed her cigarette and blew a few insolent rings, spattering them with her stubby little fingers. She had tossed her hat off; her hair was tousled, like Clara Bow's. At least, it was supposed to be like Clara Bow's. Careless and abandoned. She ran her fingers through it and when she had spread it like a tawny little mane, she leaned back.

against a purple satin pillow. Then she began to hum. "He's my weakness now!" hummed Sadie, and looked provocatively at Ashtoreth.

She sang the chorus through, improving a bit as she went along. When she had finished she threw her feet in the air and clicked her merry red heels smartly.

"It's no good," she admitted, "having a weakness if you ain't your weakness's weakness, if you know what I mean. And I ain't Holly Hart's weakness—not by a darn sight."

"Tell me about it," besought Ashtoreth again.

But Sadie was vague.

"Same old story," she mumbled. "I got in a jam. And the family kicked me out. Just like the movies. And the poor girl wandered the streets all night—and got a hell of a cold. Ended up in a hospital and didn't die. When I got better I went back to the office—I'd been working there before. And Mason fired me. I guess I went sort of crazy. Anyhow I breezed into the boss's office and turned on the weeps. He fell like a load of bricks."

"Maybe you won't believe me, Ash, but it's the Gospel truth. He made a speech about cats and when he got through he handed me \$10,000, just like it was care-free."

Ashtoreth laughed.

"No wonder he's your weakness now," she observed.

"Everything was hunky-dory, with Holly like an old Dutch uncle and not so much as kissing me good night. I used to pinch myself to see if it was true. Then, all of a sudden—bloody!"

"What happened?" demanded Ashtoreth.

"Well, you see—" Sadie leaned nearer. "Men are so damn mean, they don't want to pay for anything they don't get. Don't make any difference how much money they got. Holly must have felt he was getting cheated. And he hadn't courage enough to say so. So he just sort of eases out of the picture."

Ashtoreth was unconvinced.

"What makes you think so?" she asked.

"They're all alike," countered Sadie wisely. "They got just one idea in their heads—men. See how Holly walked out on me. That's what I get for being pure."

"Oh, Sadie, you're wrong, dear. I know you are. Mr. Hart isn't that kind."

"They're all alike, I tell you."

Sadie wagged her golden head.

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"But I happen to know," insisted Ashtoreth, "that Mr. Hart's interest wasn't at all—like that, Sadie."

"Yes. He'd be liable to tell you."

Sadie scoffed and flaunted her short skirts derisively. "I tell you, Ash—you're an awful dumb egg."

She smoked silently for a minute.

"A girl can fool all of the men some of the time, but she can't fool herself all of the time," she announced sombrely. "And I guess I got my eyes open this time."

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**THE VOLUNTEERS.****ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.**

No. 7/29, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.: Commandant.

Hongkong, Feb. 15.  
1. Annual Inspection. The G. C. will inspect the Corps on Friday, 22nd February, 1929, on Murray Parade Ground at 5.50 p.m.

The Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. for ceremonial, in four companies.

No. 1 Company under Captain R. Syme Thomson. Composed of The Battery, Engineer Company, Signals and Reserve Company (less Scottish Reserves).

No. 2 Company under Captain E. J. R. Mitchell. Composed of M. I. Company, Armoured Car Section, Motor Cycle Section and Machine Gun Company.

No. 3 Company under Captain K. S. Morrison. Composed of Scottish Company and Scottish Reserves.

No. 4 Company under Captain R. R. Davies, Portuguese Company. Officers for Colour: 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth, 2/Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M.M.

Dress: Corps Review Order—Helmet, khaki tunic, shorts, black boots, puttees, hosestop, belt, rifle and bayonet, medals. Scottish Company will conform dressed in the kilt.

Practice Parade. There will be a practice parade in uniform Corps Review Order as above on Murray Parade Ground on Tuesday, 19th February.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. The Parade Ground at Volunteer Headquarters will be available for No. 4 Company to hold a practice parade in mufti on Friday, 15th February, 1929.

All ranks are required to attend the G. O. C's Inspection unless specially exempted by The Commandant.

Applications for exemption supported by sufficient documentary or medical evidence to be submitted through Company Commanders.

2. Officers' Sword Drill.

All available Officers will parade under The Adjutant at 5.45 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 21st February. Dress: Mufti, swords.

3. Sergeants' Mess Committee Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 28th February, 1929.

4. Musketry.

The Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 17th February. Range Officer: Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet and bandoliers. Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 15th February, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 16th February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5. Corps Band.

The Band will parade at full strength at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters for G. O. C's Inspection on Friday, 22nd February and Rehearsal on Tuesday, 19th February.

Dress: Helmet, tunic, shorts, putties, hosestop, black boots, belt and cross belt.

6. The Battery.

Tuesday, 19th February. There will be a practice parade in uniform Corps Review Order on Murray Parade Ground. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

7. Corp Signals.

Tuesday, 19th February. All ranks are required to attend this parade for the G. O. C's Inspection which will be held on Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. The attention is directed to para. 1 of this Corps Order.

It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to attend these parades.

Friday, 22nd February. All ranks are required to attend this parade for the G. O. C's Inspection which will be held on Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m.

The attention is directed to para. 1 of this Corps Order.

It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to attend these parades.

8. Mounted Infantry Company.

Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 1. All ranks will attend the parades on 19th and 22nd February as therein directed.

9. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. Friday, 16th February. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Tuesday, 19th February. There will be a practice parade in uniform on Murray Parade Ground. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 22nd February. All ranks are required to attend this parade for the General's Inspection which will be held on Murray Parade Ground. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 1.

Motor Cycle Section. All ranks are required to attend the practice parade for the G. O. C's Inspection which will be held on Murray Parade Ground. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th February. There will be a practice parade in uniform which will be held on Murray Parade Ground. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 22nd February. All ranks are required to attend this parade for the General's Inspection which will be held on Murray Parade Ground. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 1.

10. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade at full strength in Review Order at 5.30 p.m. sharp at Headquarters on the following dates for Inspection, Rehearsal and G. O. C's Inspection respectively:

Tuesday, 19th February.

Friday, 22nd February. All ranks are reminded that in order to complete their efficiency for the present Training Season, attendance at the G. O. C's Inspection on Friday, 22nd February, is necessary.

Musketry: Part II for Training Season 1928/29 will be fired by the Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 24th February. Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen Hughes. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. sharp.

Rifles to be kept after G. O. C's Inspection and not returned till after Sunday, 24th February.

Dress: Mufti or uniform optional, but rifle, belt, bayonet and pouches must be taken.

11. Scottish Company.

Practice Parade. There will be a practice parade in uniform on Murray

Parade Ground on Tuesday, 19th February. All ranks of Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Platoons and Scottish Reserves Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 22nd February. Attention is directed to Corps Order No. 1.

Dress: Review Order. Spats, dice, hose, flashes, kit, sporran, tunic, glengarry, rifle, belt and sidearms.

Musketry: Part II. All those who have not yet fired are reminded that Sunday, 17th February in the last opportunity of doing so.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morris.

Motor Truck will leave Corps Headquarters at 9.15 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order. Rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches.

Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 16th February, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 17th February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

12. Portuguese Company.

Friday, 16th February. The Company will be expected to be at full strength on this parade at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th and Friday, 22nd February, 1929.

The attention of all ranks is called to Corps Order No. 1 in connexion with these parades.

Monday, 18th February. All recruits will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Rifle and bayonet and belt must be brought on parade.

Rifle Club. The Peak Range is allotted to the Company on Sunday, 24th February. Firing will commence at 9 a.m. sharp. It is hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of this practice, in view of the fact that I musketry being fired at a near date.

13. Reserve Company.

Tuesday, 19th February. There will be a practice parade in uniform on Murray Parade Ground.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 22nd February. Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 1.

It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to attend these parades.

14. Leave.

No. 85 Pte. G. R. Sayer, Reserve Company, from 2. 3. 29. to 1. 1. 30.

15. Struck off the Strength.

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No. 601 B.S.M. C.W. Langley, The Battery.

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London, Feb. 14.

The Times, in a leader on the breakdown of the Chinese and Japanese negotiations, emphasises the deep interests of Great Britain as a friend of both countries and points out that the coming into operation of the new Chinese rift makes it more than usually desirable that a cordial spirit of mutual accommodation should prevail. The Times concludes that whatever may be the cause of the hitch, the friends of both countries will hope that a final settlement will not be long delayed.—Reuters.

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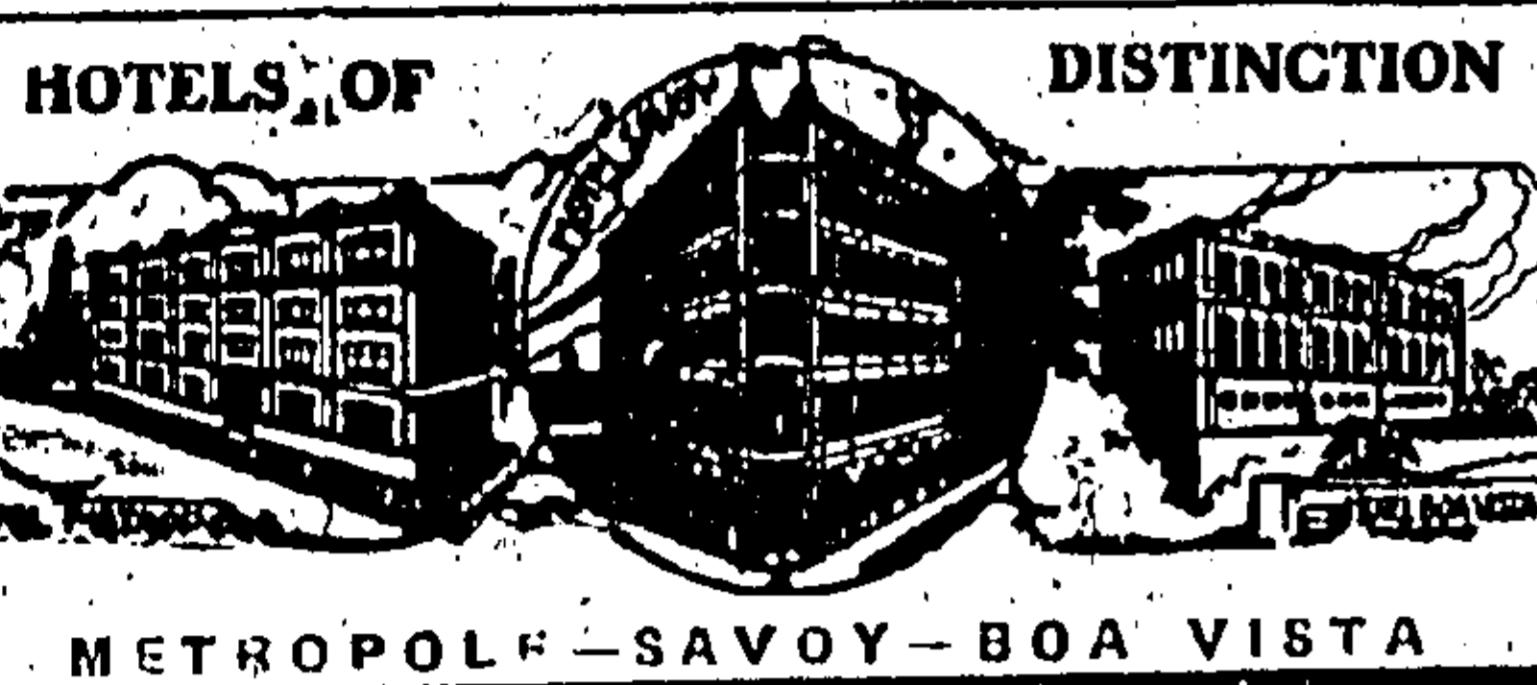
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**THE SINO-JAPANESE DEADLOCK.****DRAFT AGREEMENT TO BE CANCELLED.****DR. WANG INDIGNANT.**

Shanghai, Feb. 14. Regarding the Tsinan incident, it is learned on good authority that Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister to China, has definitely informed the Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, that consequent on fresh instructions received from Tokyo the draft agreement drawn up on the 4th instant, after a 12 hours conference, will have to be cancelled.

Dr. Wang is said to be most indignant, and he has expressed his great disappointment at the attitude of the Japanese representatives, saying that a similar development occurred in the case of his previous negotiations with Mr. Yada (the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai) who drew up drafts regarding the settlement of the Hankow and Nanking incidents, but these were subsequently cancelled.

On Monday, Mr. Yoshizawa received instructions from Tokyo urging him not to reopen official negotiations with the National Government until the latter publicly prohibits all anti-Japanese boycotts in China.

A later report says that Mr. Yoshizawa has indicated that there is quite a possibility of the resumption of conferences with Dr. Wang in about four days' time, when new orders will arrive from Japan.

Dr. Wang has telegraphed to the Chinese Foreign Ministry in the capital saying that the negotiations have not entirely broken down.

**LA ARGENTINA ARRIVES.****THE PROGRAMME FOR TO-NIGHT.**

Mr. Strok's phenomenal attraction, La Argentina, will play for one night only at the Theatre Royal to-night. The great artist arrived to-day from Shanghai and was much struck with the natural beauty of Hongkong. La Argentina is accompanied by her accompanist, Mile. Carmencita Perez, her personal manager, Mr. Arnold Meekel, and her Oriental manager, Away Strok. She has brought with her 18 trunks containing her stage curtains and some of the most gorgeous costumes that have ever adorned an artist of such unusual brilliance. The costumes are from the noted French house—Callot Soeurs.

Madame Argentina looked none the worse for her strenuous seasons of recitals in Tokyo, Osaka and Shanghai. The great artist's debut here to-night should see a capacity filled Theatre Royal. Her programme for to-night is as follows:

Sevilla. Carmenita Perez. Albeniz. Seranata. Malats. Dance No. 5. Cranados. Dance of Fire. de Falla. Argentina. El Pele. Granados. Carmenita Perez. Gypsy Dance. Halfter-Eseriche. Lagarterana. Argentina. Cordoba. Albeniz. Andalusian. Tango. Argentina. Viva Navarra (Jota). Larregla. Carmenita Perez. Bolero. Iradier. Seguidillas. (Dance without music) La Corrida. Valverde. Argentina.

**THAMES FREEZING RIGHT UP.**

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ent-wis is submerged in snow-drifts, varying between six and twenty-four inches.

**Blizzards at Sea.**

Violent snow blizzards are raging in the Gulf of Lyons, the storms being so fierce that many vessels have been prevented from making port at Marseilles.

In France generally, conditions are very severe. All outdoor sports on the Riviera have been cancelled, and at Nice and such places the price of foodstuffs has risen by thirty per cent, owing to the difficulty of transport.

The lockgates on the Seine below Paris have been opened to prevent the accumulation of ice-blocks.

Navigation of the Scheldt at Antwerp has been suspended at night-time in consequence of the carrying away of numerous buoys by big ice-floes.

It is a curious fact that Iceland and Spitsbergen are at present warmer than London.—Editor and British Wireless.

**BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA.****DISPOSITION OF THE SEVEN BATTALIONS.****WAR OFFICE SCHEMES.**

London, Feb. 14. Advices have been received in London to the effect that the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, which left Shanghai last month in the s.s. City of Marseilles, have just passed Aden.

They are due at Southampton on February 27th.

The revised distribution of the British battalions in China and Hongkong, according to present War Office plans, provides for a garrison of seven, namely, two battalions at Shanghai; two at Tientsin and three at Hongkong.

The 2nd Battalion will join the First Norfolks in Shanghai and end of the February.

The First Bedford and Hertford will leave Hongkong on that date and the Queens will leave on March 2nd, leaving as гаррисон at Hongkong, the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, the 1st Batt. Somersets, and one Indian battalion.

The Tientsin garrison will remain as now, consisting of the 2nd Batt. Border Regiment and the 2nd Batt. Royal Scots.—British Wireless.

**THE KING.****SITS AT OPEN WINDOW AT BOGNOR.****ENJOYS SUNSHINE.**

London, Feb. 14. It was officially stated at Craigwill House, Bognor, this evening that the King has had a fair day.

Although the weather remained cold, there were several hours of sunshine at Bognor and for the first time since his arrival there the King sat in a chair at the open windows of his bedroom.

The Queen this afternoon drove to Goodwood Park and walked in the woods.—British Wireless.

Earlier messages stated that the King spent a good night.

Ray treatment, which was applied yesterday by Doctors Howitt and Woods in luminous ray or artificial sunlight treatment, was decided upon recently and applied for the first time yesterday.

Although there were to-day several degrees of frost at Bognor the wind had dropped and the sun shone brilliantly. For the first time since his arrival the King's bedroom windows were opened.

**COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE.**

New "Telegraph" Feature  
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**WHAT NOT TO DO.**

A new bridge feature, taking the place of the "Bridge Puzzles" now appearing daily, will commence in the Telegraph on Monday next.

It will be entitled "51 Common Errors in Bridge," and will appear every day. In this series, the mistakes that keep the average player from winning often than he loses will be analyzed. They will show how to develop superior skill by knowing what not to do, and will reveal why the bridge expert, given the same cards, usually wins more tricks than the ordinary player.

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**KABUL EVACUATIONS.**

Members of the Royal household state that the change of scene has already done. His Majesty good. He is however still very weak and members of his suite trouble him only with matters of first importance, while sustained conversations are avoided.—British Wireless.

**A HOLE IN ONE.****MR. R. E. MACDOUGALL'S FEAT AT DEEP WATER BAY.**

Another hole in one has to be recorded. The feat was performed over the holidays at the sixth hole at Deep Water Bay by Mr. R. E. MacDougall, who has only recently returned from home leave. The sixth hole is 120 yards.

**CHEFOO TROUBLE EXPECTED.****PLANS FOR CONCENTRATION OF FOREIGNERS.****CRISIS AT WEEK-END?**

Latest naval wireless messages from Chefoo state that the report to the effect that the Third Division has turned against General Liu Chen-nien is incorrect. The Third Division is now at Fushan, while the Second Division has arrived at Chefoo.

The situation is not expected to develop before Sunday or Monday.

Arrangements for the concentration of foreigners should the need arise, have been completed.

Chefoo, Feb. 14.

Penghai (Tengchowfu) capitulated to Shiu Shu-chun yesterday. The enemy is advancing on Fushan against Liu Chen-nien.

Liu Chen-nien has withdrawn his forces to Freshwater River, five miles west of Chefoo, which has been fortified and entrenched on both sides, from the motor road crossing to the sea.

The United States Consul, Mr. Leroy Webber, doyen of the consular body, has offered his services to mediate between the opposing parties with a view to avoiding bloodshed and disturbance in Chefoo. Up to the present no reply has been received.

Liu Chen-nien has instructed the Ching Kee Steamship Co. to prepare immediately six steamers for the transportation of troops and munitions if he is defeated.—Reuter.

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